

# Willow Run Bomber Plant Nearing Peak

---

## Several Hundred B-24's A Month Being Made

---

Detroit, Jan. 15 (AP)—The Ford-operated Willow Run bomber plant currently is producing "several hundred" four-engined B-24 bomber planes a month and is nearing its projected peak, a company announcement said today.

The company statement, describing Willow Run as "the largest supplier of four-motored B-24 bombers for the Army Air Forces," said:

"In November we announced that we had flown away more than 1,000 bombers from Willow Run and that a considerable additional number had been shipped in knocked-down form for final assembly elsewhere. Obviously these figures have been surpassed now. The second thousand has come along much faster than the first—and the third thousand is on the way."

### Reply to Tool Cost Critics.

Five times as many B-24's, a company official said, were delivered from Willow Run during the last quarter of the year as were delivered during the first quarter.

"Early critics," the announcement said, "claimed that our tooling cost several times that of a comparable plant using old-line aircraft production methods. That was true. But we produce bombers worth the total cost of our tooling every few days at Willow Run."